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ABSORBENT ARTICLE SUCH
AS A SANITARY NAPKIN,
A DIAPER, AN INCONTINENCE
GUARD, OR A PANTY-LINER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Replace the Abstract as on the accompanying sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 6-10 have been amended as follows:

--6. (amended) Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the elastic member (19) may be placed in any of the layers that builds the absorbent article (1).--

--7. (amended) Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the angle α is between 100-1200, preferably 150-400.--

--8. (amended) Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the length of the legs (15, 16) is 20-350 mm, preferably 50-150 mm.--

--9. (amended) Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the length of the ridge-like elevation (20) is at least 10 mm.--

--10. (amended) Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the ridge like elevation has a top portion constituting an upper part of the ridge like elevation and that the width of the ridge-like elevation (20) is 0.1-20 mm, preferably 1-8 mm, at the top portion of the ridge-like elevation (20).--

R E M A R K S

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An absorbent article such as a sanitary napkin, an incontinence guard, a diaper, or a panty-liner, has a substantially elongated shape with a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction and exhibits two side edges (9, 10), a front edge (11) and a rear edge (12), a front portion (6) and a rear portion (7), and a central portion (8) situated between the front portion (6) and the rear portion (7). The article furthermore exhibits a liquid-pervious cover layer (2) and a liquid-impervious cover layer (3) and an absorbent body (4). The rear portion (7) of the absorbent body (4) includes a layer (17) that is split in a first leg (15) and a second leg (16) with a gap between the legs (15, 16), where an angle α is defined between the first leg (15) and the second leg (16), and an elastic member (19) is placed between the first leg (15) and the second leg (16), which elastic member (19) essentially extends in the longitudinal direction.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 6-10 have been amended as follows:

--6. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any of the claims 2-5~~^{claim 2}, characterized in that the elastic member (19) may be placed in any of the layers that builds the absorbent article (1).--

--7. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any of the claims 2-6~~^{claim 2}, characterized in that the angle α is between 100-1200, preferably 150-400.--

--8. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any of the claims 2-7~~^{claim 2}, characterized in that the length of the legs (15, 16) is 20-350 mm, preferably 50-150 mm.--

--9. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any of the claims 2-8~~^{claim 2}, characterized in that the length of the ridge-like elevation (20) is at least 10 mm.--

--10. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any of the claims 2-9~~^{claim 2}, characterized in that the ridge like elevation has a top portion constituting an upper part of the ridge like elevation and that the width of the

ridge-like elevation (20) is 0.1-20 mm, preferably 1-8 mm, at the top portion of the ridge-like elevation (20).--

The Abstract has been amended as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention refers to an ~~an~~ absorbent article such as a sanitary napkin, an incontinence guard, a diaper, or a panty-liner, ~~which article~~ has a substantially elongated shape with a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction and exhibits two side edges (9, 10), a front edge (11) and a rear edge (12), a front portion (6) and a rear portion (7), and a central portion (8) situated between the front portion (6) and the rear portion (7). The article furthermore exhibits a liquid-pervious cover layer (2) and a liquid-impervious cover layer (3) and an absorbent body (4). The ~~invention is characterized in that the~~ rear portion (7) of the absorbent body (4) ~~comprises~~ ~~includes~~ a layer (17) that is split in a first leg (15) and a second leg (16) with a gap between the legs (15, 16), where an angle α is defined between the first leg (15) and the second leg (16), and ~~that~~ an elastic member (19) is placed between the first leg (15) and the second leg (16), which elastic member (19) essentially extends in the longitudinal direction.

(Fig. 1)